

CONSUMER DEFENSE GROUP ACTION

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Amended 60 Day Notice of Intent to Sue Gables Residential, including all Affiliates of Gables Residential Under Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6

Consumer Defense Group Action, a California corporation (hereinafter "CDG" or the "Noticing Party") hereby gives Notice of Intent to Sue Under Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 (the "Notice") to Chris Wheeler, Chief Executive Officer of Gables Residential, on behalf of Gables Residential and its Affiliates, including, without limitation, Income Growth Property Management (hereinafter collectively known as, the "Violator"), as well as the governmental entities on the attached proof of service. For purposes of this Notice, "Affiliate" shall mean any Person directly or indirectly controlling, or under common control with the Violator, with the term (i) "control", as used in this definition, meaning possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of management, policies or action through ownership of voting securities, contract, voting trust or membership in the management or in the group appointing or electing management, and (ii) "Person" meaning an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, unincorporated organization or any other form of entity. The Noticing Party must be contacted through its counsel, Anthony G. Graham, of the law firm of Graham & Martin, LLP, at the above address and telephone number.

This Amended Notice is intended to inform the Violator that it has violated Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (commencing with Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5) (hereinafter "Proposition 65") by failing and refusing to post clear and reasonable warnings at the apartment facilities listed on Exhibit A hereto (which are owned/managed by the Violator) (hereinafter the "Facilities") that the Violator (1) permits the smoking of tobacco products at the Facilities, which exposes customers, visitors and employees to tobacco smoke in the areas where smoking is permitted; and, (2) permits the operation of motor vehicles at the Facilities, which exposes customers, visitors and employees to diesel and gasoline exhaust fumes, and the chemicals contained in those fumes, in the areas where such vehicles are allowed to be operated.

Summary of Violation:

Proposition 65 provides that when a party, such as the Violator, has been and is knowingly and intentionally exposing its customers, visitors, employees and the general public to chemicals designated by the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity (the "Designated Chemicals") it has violated the statute unless, prior to such exposure, it provides clear and reasonable warning of that potential exposure to the potentially exposed persons (Health & Safety Code Section 24249.6). Tobacco smoke, as well as the constituent chemicals contained in tobacco smoke, are Designated Chemicals. Similarly, diesel and gasoline exhaust fumes contain Designated Chemicals.

The Violator, in the ordinary course of business, controls much of the conduct and actions of its customers, visitors and employees at each of the Facilities. One of the actions the Violator controls is whether or not to allow its customers, visitors and employees at each of the Facilities to smoke tobacco products. Similarly, the Violator controls whether or not to allow its customers, visitors and employees at each of the Facilities to operate motor vehicles and the location of such operation at the Facilities.

Persons representing CDG investigated the Violator and its operations in September, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the "Investigation Period"). During those investigations CDG discovered that the Facilities are owned and/or managed by the Violator, and that the Violator has more than nine employees. Those investigations showed that the Violator has chosen to allow its customers, visitors and employees at the Facilities to smoke tobacco products, and has specifically chosen to allow smoking in certain areas. Those areas are the apartments, common areas adjacent to pools, entrances and common areas where smoking is permitted, public walkways and parking areas where smoking is permitted. Further, those investigations showed that the Violator has chosen to allow its customers, visitors and employees at the Facilities to operate motor vehicles in certain areas, the driveways and parking areas.

In the Facilities and areas noted the Violator has chosen to allow its customers, visitors and employees to be exposed to: (1) tobacco smoke via the breathing of second hand tobacco smoke (inhalation) and via contact with their skin and clothing (dermal contact); and, (2) diesel and gasoline exhaust fumes via the breathing of such fumes (inhalation) and by contact with the skin and clothing (dermal contact). The Investigation provided evidence that (1) the smoking of tobacco products was permitted, takes place and had taken place at the Facilities, and (2) that the operation of motor vehicles (and thus exposures to diesel and gasoline exhaust fumes) was permitted and takes place properties controlled by the Violator. The Investigation also showed that the Violator has specifically chosen to ignore the requirements of Proposition 65 and has failed to post clear and reasonable warnings at the entrances to many of the Facilities, in the parking areas, in the areas leading into the Facilities from the parking areas, at the entrances to apartment buildings or floors where apartments where smoking is permitted are located, or in or near the walkways in the Facilities, so that its customers, visitors and employees, who may not wish to be exposed, can be warned that, upon entering any of those areas, they may be exposed to tobacco smoke. The investigation by CDG showed that the Violator has specifically chosen to ignore the requirements of Proposition 65 and has failed to post clear and reasonable warnings at the parking areas or in the areas leading into many of the Facilities from the parking areas to warn its customers, visitors and employees, who may not wish to be exposed, that, upon entering any of those areas, they may be exposed to diesel and/or gasoline exhaust fumes, and chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity.

It is clear therefore that during the Investigation Period itself, and thus likely for the entire period of time that the Violator has owned and/or controlled the Facilities prior to the Investigation Period, the Violator has failed to post clear and reasonable warning signs at many of the Facilities in compliance with Proposition 65. Given that the maximum period of potential liability pursuant to Proposition 65 and Business & Professions Code §17200 (which are the operative statutes pursuant to which a complaint could be filed against the Violator) is four years, this Notice is intended to inform the Violator that it has been in violation of Proposition 65 from the time period from four years prior to the last date of the Investigation Period noted above for each day on which it was the owner or operator of the Facilities, for every day upon which the Violator was the owner/operator of any facility listed on Exhibit A.

The written reports prepared by the investigators for CDG, prepared contemporaneously with the investigations conducted during the Initial Investigation Period, together with supporting photographic and other evidence from the Facilities, has been provided to the Office of the Attorney General responsible for Proposition 65 enforcement.

Environmental Exposures:

While in the course of doing business, during the Investigation Period, and for up to four years prior to that time, the Violator has been and is knowingly and intentionally exposing its customers and the public to tobacco smoke and other chemicals listed below and designated by the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning of that fact to the exposed persons (Health & Safety Code Section 24249.6). The source of exposure is (1) tobacco smoke caused by the smoking of tobacco products by persons who the Violator permits to smoke tobacco products at the Facilities, and (2) diesel and gasoline exhaust fumes produced by the operation of motor vehicles which the Violator permits at the Facilities. The areas at the Facilities where customers, visitors and employees are being exposed to tobacco smoke are the apartments, common areas adjacent to pools, entrances and common areas where smoking is permitted, public walkways and parking areas where smoking is permitted. The areas at the Facilities where customers, visitors and employees are being exposed to diesel and gasoline exhaust fumes the apartments and public walkways near to driveways and parking areas, and those driveways and parking areas.

Occupational Exposures:

While in the course of doing business, during the Investigation Period, and for up to four years prior to that time, the Violator has been and is knowingly and intentionally exposing its employees to tobacco and tobacco smoke, diesel and gasoline exhaust fumes and other chemicals listed below and designated by the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning of that fact to the exposed person (Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6). The source of exposure is (1) tobacco smoke caused by the smoking of tobacco products by persons who the Violator permits to smoke tobacco products at the Facilities, and (2) diesel and gasoline exhaust fumes produced by the operation of motor vehicles which the Violator permits at the Facilities. Employees potentially exposed include and are not limited to security personnel, maintenance workers, service personnel and administrative personnel. The areas at the Facilities where employees are being exposed to tobacco smoke are the apartments, common areas adjacent to pools, entrances and common areas where smoking is permitted, public walkways and parking areas where smoking is permitted. The areas at the Facilities where employees are being exposed to diesel and gasoline exhaust fumes are the apartments and public walkways near to driveways and parking areas, and those driveways and parking areas.

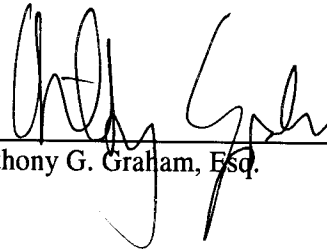
The route of exposure for Occupational Exposures and Environmental Exposures to the chemicals listed below has been inhalation and dermal contact with (1) tobacco smoke and (2) diesel and gasoline exhaust fumes at the Facilities. In other words, via breathing and contact with the skin of (1) tobacco smoke and (2) diesel and gasoline exhaust fumes. For each such type and means of exposure, the Violator has exposed and is exposing the above referenced persons to the chemicals listed on the document attached hereto entitled "LIST OF CARCINOGENS/TOXINS."

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Proposition 65 requires that notice and intent to sue be given to the Violator sixty days before a suit is filed. With this letter, CDG gives notice of the alleged violations to the Violator and the appropriate governmental authorities. This Notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 that are currently known to CDG from information now available to them. CDG reserves the right to amend this Notice to inform the Violator of other violations and/or exposures as it gathers further information. With the copy of this Notice submitted to the Violator, a copy is provided of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary".

Dated: March 4, 2005

By:



Anthony G. Graham, Esq.

EXHIBIT A**INCOME GROWTH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

Income Growth Property Management
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San Diego, CA 92121

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Villa Del Sol 5474 Reservoir Drive San Diego, CA 92120	El Norte Heights 145 West El Norte Parkway Escondido, CA 92026
Mission Park Condominiums 221 Woodland Parkway San Marcos, CA 92069	Grandon Village 1607 Grandon Avenue San Marcos, CA 92069
Arroyo Villas 1060 Vale Terrace Vista, CA 92084	San Marcos Racquet Club 506 East Barham Road San Marcos, CA 92078
Grossmont Terrace 8401 Buckland Avenue La Mesa, CA 92078	Ivanhoe Village 2675 Fletcher Parkway La Mesa, CA 92020
Albert's College 5460 55 th Street San Diego, CA 92115	Teton Pines 2100 E. Grand Ave. Escondido, CA 92027
Villa Knolls 5365 Marengo Ave. La Mesa, CA 91942	Village Apartments 3642 Village Circle Carlsbad, CA 92008
Villas At Alta Murrieta 39930 Whitewood Road Murrieta, CA 92563	Park Grossmont 9076 Campina Drive La Mesa, CA 91942
Stratford Arms 1397 E. Washington Avenue El Cajon, CA 92020	Swiss Village 4250 4 th Avenue San Diego, CA 92103

Solana Ridge 41754 Margarita Road Temecula, CA 92591	Tuscany Ridge 41955 Margarita Road Temecula, CA 92591
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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Anthony G. Graham, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

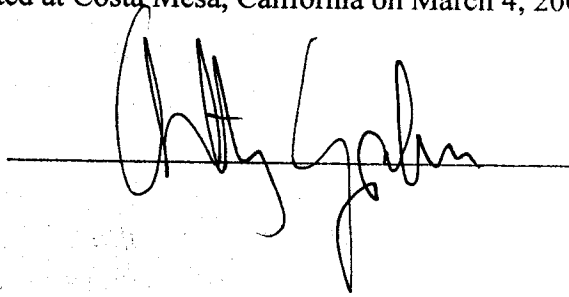
2. I am member of the State Bar of California, a partner of the law firm of Graham & Martin, LLP, and attorney for noticing parties Consumer Defense Group Action.

3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding alleged exposures to the listed chemicals that are the subject of the action.

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Costa Mesa, California on March 4, 2005.



**DUE DILIGENCE REPORT
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<p>Villa Del Sol 5474 Reservoir Drive San Diego, CA 92120</p>	<p>El Norte Heights 145 West El Norte Parkway Escondido, CA 92026</p> <p><u>On Site Visit on August 24, 2004.</u></p> <p>At this massive property with multiple buildings and internal streets/parking areas there was a small generic Prop. 65 sign next to the entrance to the leasing office (referring only to tobacco – otherwise generic) and a second identical sign next to the laundry room located behind the leasing office. No signs at mailboxes, parking areas, driveway on to property, pool area, etc.</p>
<p>Mission Park Condominiums 221 Woodland Parkway San Marcos, CA 92069</p>	<p>Grandon Village 1607 Grandon Avenue San Marcos, CA 92069</p> <p><u>On Site Visit on August 24, 2004.</u></p> <p>No signs.</p> <p>Large senior complex –brand new this year. The complex has underground parking, secure lobby access to property. No Prop. 65 signs anywhere including at entrances (pedestrian), driveway entrances to property, leasing office, underground parking entrances, pool area.</p>
<p>Arroyo Villas</p>	<p>San Marcos Racquet Club</p>

1060 Vale Terrace Vista, CA 92084 <u>On Site Visit on August 24, 2004.</u> No signs. Small apartment complex. No Prop. 65 signs at driveway and front pedestrian entrance, leasing office (exterior) or mailboxes which are at the front pedestrian entrance, courtyard.	506 East Barham Road San Marcos, CA 92078 <u>On Site Visit on August 24, 2004.</u> Extremely large complex spread over wide landscaped area with multiple buildings. No Prop. 65 signs at driveway entrances, mailboxes, parking areas, internal driveways/pathways. Saw a single small generic Prop. 65 sign with only a reference to tobacco at side of leasing office and a second identical posted at the pool area.
Grossmont Terrace 8401 Buckland Avenue La Mesa, CA 92078	Ivanhoe Village 2675 Fletcher Parkway La Mesa, CA 92020
Albert's College 5460 55 th Street San Diego, CA 92115	Teton Pines 2100 E. Grand Ave. Escondido, CA 92027 <u>On Site Visit on August 24, 2004.</u> Gated pedestrian/driveway entrances. There is a single generic Prop. 65 sign with a reference only to tobacco at the wall just before entrance to the leasing office.
Villa Knolls 5365 Marengo Ave. La Mesa, CA 91942	Village Apartments 3642 Village Circle Carlsbad, CA 92008
Villas At Alta Murrieta 39930 Whitewood Road Murrieta, CA 92563 <u>On Site Visit on August 24, 2004.</u> Massive complex. No signs at gated driveway and pedestrian entrances to properties, or at mailboxes, parking areas. Saw sign – generic Prop. 65 sign with a reference only to tobacco smoke – next to the leasing office and a second sign at the backdoor to the leasing office (located at	Park Grossmont 9076 Campina Drive La Mesa, CA 91942

the pool area).	
Stratford Arms 1397 E. Washington Avenue El Cajon, CA 92020	Swiss Village 4250 4 th Avenue San Diego, CA 92103
Solana Ridge 41754 Margarita Road Temecula, CA 92591 <u>On Site Visit on August 24, 2004.</u> Massive property. No signs at entrance to property. A generic Prop. 65 sign (with a reference to tobacco) is posted on a wall to the right of the leasing office. There are no Prop. 65 signs at the gated driveway entrances to the property. Saw smoker at the time of the visit. Note that after driving thru the complex at the furthest point at the back parking row/street at the property saw a generic Prop. 65 sign (no tobacco reference) and two other generic Prop. 65 signs with tobacco references in the parking area. There first row/street of parking had no signs. Saw no Prop. 65 signs at gated driveway entrances or exit gates to the street.	Tuscany Ridge 41955 Margarita Road Temecula, CA 92591 <u>On Site Visit on August 24, 2004.</u> No signs at driveway entrance to property or at gated entrances at circular driveway – generic Prop. 65 sign <u>with no tobacco reference or any other chemical reference</u> are posted at few of the outdoor garages – see photos. Saw smoker (an employee in a golf cart); cigarette butts at property.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. My business address is 950 South Coast Drive, Suite 220, Costa Mesa, California 92626.

I SERVED THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Amended 60-Day Notice of Intent to Sue Under Health & Safety Code Section 24249.6;
- 2) The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary;
- 3) Certificate of Merit; and
- 4) Supporting documents (*sent only to the Office of Attorney General*)

by enclosing a true copy of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person whose name and address is shown below and depositing the envelope in the United States mail with the postage fully prepaid:

Date of Mailing: March 4, 2005

Place of Mailing: Costa Mesa, California

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH PERSON TO WHOM DOCUMENTS WERE MAILED:

Gables Residential
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Attention: Chris Wheeler, President of Gables Residential,
and Daniel Golovato, Regional Vice President of Gables Residential

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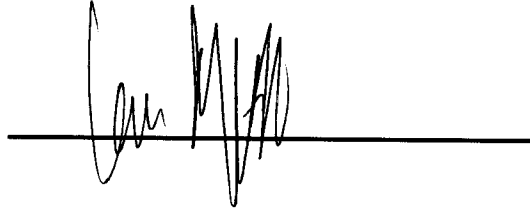
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: March 4, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink is written over a solid horizontal line. The signature is stylized and appears to be the name of the San Diego County District Attorney.